

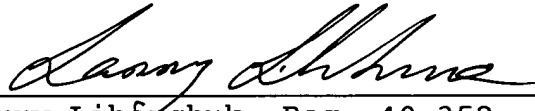
**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely for the purpose of better conforming to the U.S. patent practice, including avoiding the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to eliminate the additional filing fee.

The amendments to the claims do not address issues of patentability, and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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